

To-day's Advertisements.

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Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty Boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

**MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, CASH AND PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.**
Hongkong, July 10, 1883.

SHARE LIST.				
Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Stand- up.	to
BANKS.				
H.K. and Shanghai Bank.....	30,000	125	125	\$ 3
INSURANCES.				
Nth. China Ins.	1,000 TL	2,000 TL	600 TL	
Yungtze Ins.	1,200 TL	350 TL	350 TL	
Union Ins. Co.	2,000 \$	1,250 \$	125 \$	
China Traders Insurance.....	24,000 \$	83.33 \$	25 \$	
C'ton Ins. Office	10,000 \$	250 \$	50	
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500 \$	1,000 \$	200 \$	
H.K. Fire Ins.	8,000 \$	250 \$	50 \$	
China Fire Ins.	20,000 \$	100 \$	20 \$	
STEAM C'PANIES.				
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat.....	8,000 \$	100 \$	75 \$	
Indo - China S. Nav. Co.	120,000 £	10 £	10	
China & Manilla S. S. Coy. L.	3,500	\$100	all	
MISCELLANEOUS.				
H.K. & W'p'os Gas Co.....	10,000 \$	125 \$	125	\$ 1
H.K. & China Dock.....	5,000 £	10 £	10	10 £
H'kong Hotel.....	2,000 \$	100 \$	100 \$	
China Sugar Co.	9,000 \$	100 \$	100	
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250 \$	100 \$	100 \$	
H'kong Bakery	600 \$	50 \$	50 \$	
Luzon Sugar Co.	7,000 \$	100 \$	100	
LOANS.				
Chi. Imp., 1874	6,276 £	100	all	
" " 1877	116,040 £	100	all	
" " 1878	325 TL	500	all	
" " 1881	8,565 TL	500	all	
Sugar Deben- tures, 1880.....	600 \$	500	all	

* For 6 months to 30th June. —† Dividend for 1883.—‡ For Year 1881.—|| For half year ending

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Bohair, for New York.

the usual hours will be observed in closing
the Mails, &c.

Wednesday night.

We regret to announce the death of Madame Vaucher, who died at 8 o'clock this morning. The deceased lady, as our readers are aware, took a prominent part in the local amateur dramatic performances.

The S. S. *Albany*, which arrived last night from Hongkong, had on board a strong N.E. gale with very heavy sea, which caused the vessel to labour heavily and ship large quantities of water.

Tan came in which a Chinaman was charged with attempting to set fire to the S. S. *Albany* was concluded today. Dr. Ayres had submitted a certificate that the man was insane, and the case was remanded for the decision of H. E. the Governor.

We are requested to state that it is proposed to hold the annual "Sale of Work" in aid of the Rector Chinese Girls' School, on Wednesday next, 31st, at half past two, in the City Hall. The bazaar will be under the patronage of Lady Bowen, and the Band of the Buffs will be present.

An inquest was held this afternoon at the Civil Hospital before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, the Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. Buchanan, Carneiro and Brito, upon the body of Miss Francis Berger. The proceedings were formal. Deceased was buried this afternoon.

A REMANDED case, in which seven Chinese were charged with being in possession of goods, supposed to have been piratically stolen, was partly concluded today by Captain Thomson, R.N., who discharged five of the defendants for want of evidence. The two others were remanded until the 2nd proximo.

We witnessed a strange little episode this afternoon near by the Man-On Insurance Company's office. A little child, perhaps some four years old, had just two of its legs crushed by the wheel of a jirikake, and was looking on in the most unconcerned manner while a Chinaman tied them up with paper. The child's elder sister, in whose care it was, was crying loud enough for her charge and herself.

The French transport *Acyron*, from Tonkin, with reinforcements on board for Tonquin, arrived at Singapore on the 18th October, and having coaled left on the following morning for Saigon. The transport *Shamrock*, with further reinforcements, arrived at Singapore on the 19th October and after coaling was to leave for Saigon. A third transport, the *Penne*, is on the way out from Tonkin for the same destination. The *Strait Times* says that the reinforcements for Tonquin by these two French transports *Acyron* and *Shamrock* consisted of about 1,600 men, 585 by the *Acyron* and 1,010 by the *Shamrock*.

Two men who were charged with piracy at the September Criminal Sessions, but who were remanded until it was clearly ascertained whether the Court had jurisdiction in the case or not, were discharged on the charge of piracy this afternoon by proclamation, the Acting Attorney General (Mr. E. Macken) informing His Lordship the Chief Justice that he withdrew the charge. Mr. Macken also intimated, however, that another charge was to be brought against the prisoners; and they were accordingly taken back to goal, apparently much disappointed at not being set free.

We learn that Mr. Cameron, the special correspondent of the *Standard* here, received orders yesterday by cablegram to return to England. This circumstance is of some importance at the present juncture, when a decidedly disturbing telegram is flashed to us, from the fact that the director of the *Standard* were not likely to recall him if they imagined a war was imminent between France and China. They have apparently come to the same conclusion as ourselves that the operations will be confined for some time to come to Tonquin. What will be the outcome of the fighting there it is impossible to say. No doubt, the French troops will drive the Black Flags and their allies back to the borders, but what will happen then is another matter altogether.

General Maury, who arrived here a day or two ago from Canton, leaves by the first steamer for Foochow. Since he came within the pale of European enterprise the General's company has been very much sought after. He was introduced twice in Canton, and here in Hongkong he has been marked down in all directions by those who would like to have a little information as to the position of affairs on the Tonquin borders. But the General has not satisfied his questioners. He will talk as much as is desired, but not a word can be extracted from him as to the disposition of troops in the South. His position as a General in the Chinese service prevents him from giving any such information. The post General Maury has not a word to say that should please him, but because an outbreak of hostilities between China and any European country must place him in a very awkward position, unless he resigns his duties. If the Chinese Government desire to retain the services of a European who is almost a Chinaman by light and experience, and who should be a very valuable man to them, they should treat him with some civil office.

A REGULAR looking vessel, the *Ngan Kiu*, is now lying in the harbour. She flies the English ensign and the house flag of Messrs Butterfield and Swire, and has her name painted amidships in such large characters that it can be read from the Quay. The *Ngan Kiu* was built in Greenock, and is intended for river traffic on the Yangtze. She is handsomely fitted up, has a light draft, and besides her passenger accommodation, can carry about 4,000 or 5,000 tons of cargo. There was an absurd rumour yesterday among the Chinese about her that she had been sent out to take the place of the Canton steamer, as foreigners were afraid to trust their lives on them since the Shamoon riot.

According to the Chinese Mail the Nankai magistrate has issued a proclamation to pacify the people in regard to the departure of the Portuguese gunboat to Macao with Diaz. The proclamation says the French Consul handed Diaz over to the custody of the Portuguese gunboat till his trial came on, and while various questions were being raised about the trial, a communication was received from Portugal requesting that the criminal might be tried and punished in Macao. So the gunboat proceeded to that place. The Viceroy has already, according to the rights of the case, demanded his surrender. The criminal has not run away; but though he is in Macao, he must still be tried. The Viceroy has sent an officer then to make a strict investigation of the matter; and while it is pending, the people are ordered to be quiet, and not spread alarming rumours, but mind their own business. In reference to the Shamoon case also, the various officials have it in hand, and are doing their utmost to bring about a settlement, with a tender regard to the welfare of the people, and a firm determination to avenge murder. Therefore the people must be quiet about that too. If any still make trouble, let them know that the magistrate's forbearance has a limit.

The *Queenslander* of Sept. 22nd says:—The E. and A. Company's steamer *Tennant*, from Hongkong for Southern ports, anchored in the Brisbane roadstead shortly after 8 o'clock on Thursday morning. Mr. J. W. Wassell, Customs officer for Moreton Bay, on board her discovered and seized in the fore-cabin 10,000 cigars, 40lb. caviar, 120lb. Chinese tobacco, and a quantity of goods. There were more contraband goods in the quarters occupied by the crew, but as the master of the steamer was in a hurry to leave, Mr. Wassell desisted from any further search, and a telegram was sent to warn the Customs officials in Sydney.

Captain William Nathaniel Allison, master of the steamer *Felina*, 752 tons (E. and A. Company's line), was summoned on the 10th September by the Customs authorities for having arrived at Thursday Island with a greater number of Chinese passengers on the quantity of goods than was permitted by the Act. The captain did not appear, but was represented by the agents of the steamer, who pleaded guilty to having eight Chinese in excess of the proportion allowed by the Act—namely, one to every ten tons of the registered tonnage. The bench fined the defendant in the sum of £2 for every passenger in excess, or a total of £16, together with 4s. 6d. costs of court.—*Queenslander*.

A TELEGRAM from Sydney states that an unfortunate accident has happened to Elias Laycock, the sculler. While in the act of stepping from one rock to another near his residence on Shark Island, he slipped and fractured his leg. The limb was speedily set, but it is expected that it will be four months before he is able to use his leg again. The accident was very annoying to Laycock, inasmuch as he had just relinquished his official position at Shark Island, where he acted as superintendent of the quarantine station for cattle, and was preparing to become proprietor of an hotel at Woolloomooloo. The mishap is also very irritating at the present juncture, as it will necessarily throw him back in his preparations for meeting Hanlan.

The master of the brig *Fawn*, which arrived at Sydney from Timaru, reports having witnessed a very curious atmospheric phenomenon. It occurred at 11 p.m. on the 30th August, when the vessel was in lat. 37deg. 10min. S., lon. 183deg. 48min. E. A S.E. gale was blowing, the night was very dark, and the weather thick and dirty, when suddenly a very bright light, like an electric light, burst forth and illuminated the sky for some seconds. The light appeared to come from the water, and was stationary. When it disappeared the sky became quite red, and continued so for about 10 minutes. Captain Dillinger says he has often seen a meteor at sea, but never anything like the light referred to or the after results.

The *Standard* has an amusing account of the loss of a variety of sheep in New Zealand, which has lately been placed under ban by the Legislature. Anybody is so here a shilling who kills a sheep. It appears that the bird, which is naturally gregarious, a few years ago, during a severe winter, found it impossible to procure food, and hunted the carcasses of sheep that had died of starvation. It approved the custom, though mutton is not indigenous to New Zealand, while the loss is, and presently discovered, whether by inductive ratiocination or experience, that sheep were made of it. The flock of sheep, of course, was not at all, and the sheep of course, whose wool gives a bird a fine purchase and peck till they reach the kidney fat, which they eat while the poor sheep lies in agony. English dogs also, when they take to sheep-eating, always gorge themselves with the kidney fat, and then regurgitate the flesh and killing sheep after sheep for their daily food. The shepherd in New Zealand sometimes loses a sheep at night, and the loss is declared to be a costly one, as the sheep is a rabbit. We should have imagined a little rat would have protected the sheep; but how does it happen that the beast when he feels the bird's claws does not get up? Would a breed of sheep which has learned to roll because of the loss survive all other sheep? It ought, on the Darwinian theory.

CRICKET.
THE GARRISON—OFFICERS V. N. C. OFFICERS AND MEN.
The officers and non-commissioned officers and men of the Garrison tried conclusions yesterday afternoon with the willow, the match beginning at eleven o'clock. The non-commissioned officers and men went in first, but made only a poor fight, with the exception of Drummer White, who put in 83, not out. Lieut. D'Aeth did the lion's share of the opposition work, accounting for seven wickets, between bowling and fielding. This gentleman also scored 22 for his own side. The men made a total of 117, against which the officers scored 143. The first side went in again, and had scored 55 with the loss of four wickets when time was called. The fielding was not as good as it might have been, on either side. The following was the score:—

N. C. OFFICERS AND MEN.
First Innings.
Sergt. Jenner, Buffs, 1st, b D'Aeth, 0
Corpl. Lucas, R.A., b Bunbury, 18
D'Aeth, 22
Col. Sergt. Giles, Buffs, c & b Rice, 0
Gunn. Egan, R.A., c & b D'Aeth, 0
Drum. White, Buffs, not out, 83
D'Aeth, 22
Pte. Leachman, Buffs, b D'Aeth, 7
Pte. Hughesman, Buffs, b D'Aeth, 0
Pte. Inoketti, Buffs, c Brackenbury, 0
D'Aeth, 22
Sergt. Duffin, Buffs, b D'Aeth, 9
Lee. Corpl. Hopkins, Buffs, b Bunbury, 3
Sergt. Hinders, R.A., b Porter, 6
Extras, 12
Total, 117

Second Innings.
Corpl. Lucas, A.H.O., not out, 5
Drum. White, Buffs, b Porter, 4
Pte. Hughesman, Buffs, b Rice, 7
Sergt. Duffin, Buffs, not out, 30
Lee. Corpl. Hopkins, Buffs, c Porter, 6
D'Aeth, 22
Porter, 6
Extras, 7
Total, 55

OFFICERS.
Mr. H. G. Rice, D.A.O.G., b Leachman, 29
Lieut. Porter, Buffs, c Lucas, b Egan, 19
Lieut. D'Aeth, Buffs, b Leachman, 22
Lieut. Jarrett, Buffs, c Hinders, b Leachman, 2
Mr. F. S. Harro, D.A.O.G., b Egan, 6
Lieut. V. T. Bunbury, Buffs, b Egan, 28
Capt. G. Gordon, Buffs, b Caldwell, 3
Major Cochrane, b Egan, 28
Lieut. Lloyd, Buffs, b Egan, 11
Lieut. Connolly, R.A., b Egan, 4
Capt. Brackenbury, R.A., not out, 1
Extras, 8
Total, 143

A CRICKET match was commenced today, between the Buffs, and the Hongkong Cricket Club. Play began at half-past two, the regiment going in first. Drummer White again distinguished himself, playing a good innings for 34 before he was caught by Scoones. When the last wicket fell, the score was 122. For the Club, Coxon played a very pretty innings, and Bell-Jarvis, without making a very large total, defended his wicket very creditably. When time was called five wickets had fallen for 75 runs. The band of the French man-of-war *Victorieuse* was kindly lent by Admiral Meyer and the officers of the vessel, and added not a little to the pleasure of the afternoon.

THE BUTTS.
Lieut. G. A. Porter, b Barff, 4
Pte. Lucas, R.A., b Barff, 2
Lieut. H. G. D. Jarratt, b Barff, 2
Captain Gordon, c Scoones, b Barff, 30
Lieut. G. H. D'Aeth, c sub Caldwell, 3
Drum. White, c Scoones, b Barff, 34
Lieut. V. T. Bunbury, run out, 8
Captain Howard, b Barff, 5
Sergt. Morland, c & b Barff, 5
Lieut. G. D. Lloyd, c Rice, b Egan, 2
Pte. Hughesman, not out, 9
Extras, 9
Total, 122

H. E. C. G.
G. Rice, D.A.O.G., b Egan, 29
J. J. Harro, D.A.O.G., b Porter, 6
J. S. Gordon, c & b D'Aeth, 28
F. S. O. Harro, D.A.O.G., c Jarrett, 0
Porter, 6
F. D. Scoones, b D'Aeth, 7
H. Egan, not out, 3
C. S. Barff, 4
W. H. D'Aeth, 2
G. A. Caldwell, 7
Extras, 8
Total, 75

POLICE SHOOTING COMPETITION.

The shooting competition among the European members of the Police Force for the prizes presented by Captain Dempster, the Acting Superintendent, came off at Kowloon Jagers yesterday afternoon. Out of a force of over 100 men, only about 30 thought it worth their while to compete, a great many of the men who well know how to handle a rifle not caring to try their powers against the "Don'ts" of the Force. The shooting abilities of the competitors varied in much that a system of handicapping was brought into use, the position of each member in the handicapping being decided by Captain Dempster himself. As might have been imagined several members were dissatisfied with their allowances, and one of the intending competitors was so much so that he withdrew from the contest. The handicapper who can please everybody is yet to be born. The men were divided into three classes, the first class being, of course, the second, and third class being the lowest. The competitors were divided into two groups, and five points from the second group were given to the "king among them," who, in addition to being put among the "scotch," to give the other competitors three points each. The atmospheric conditions were not altogether the most satisfactory for the shooting, but notwithstanding this, some good scores were made. A strong gale of wind blew almost straight across the range at intervals, and occasionally the light was rather unsteady. The weapon used was the Martini-Henry rifle, with the use of which the men seemed to be more conversant than with the regulation carbine served out to them when on duty. When firing ceased, three hours and a half after the first bullet

hit the target, it was found that Sergeant Forbes had made a perfect score, and that Campbell had made a perfect score. The first two men belonged to the second class, and received ten points each from the scotch men, while Campbell was one of the third class. Captain Dempster was present during the firing and made a few observations of the men's form. The following are the scores:—

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Insp. Cameron (scotch) 23. 26. 21. 70
Thomson (scotch) 23. 25. 19. 70
Quinoy (scotch) 24. 24. 13. 61
Orley (10 pts) 22. 21. 10. 53
Cochran (10 pts) 17. 17. 0. 34
Sergt. Robertson (10 pts) 25. 17. 0. 42
Butlin (scotch) 24. 27. 15. 67
L. Mackay (scotch) 24. 24. 11. 59
Kemp (10 pts) 24. 20. 11. 55
Forbes (10 pts) 24. 22. 22. 68
Morrison (10 pts) 20. 15. 2. 38
Dempster (10 pts) 17. 16. 0. 33
P. C. A. McDougal (10 pts) 21. 8. 0. 29
G. McDonald (10 pts) 12. 8. 0. 30
A. Mann (10 pts) 19. 21. 13. 53
Campbell (10 pts) 23. 26. 8. 57
Curry (10 pts) 22. 7. 2. 31
Howell (10 pts) 22. 20. 15. 57
Pte. Inoketti (10 pts) 13. 13. 8. 34
Miller (10 pts) 20. 19. 6. 44
Ford (10 pts) 13. 9. 0. 22
Murray (10 pts) 20. 9. 13. 42

SUPREME COURT.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before the Hon. J. Russell, P. J. Judge.)
Friday, October 26.

HO ATAI AND THREE OTHERS V. DE FIEBER.
\$46.68.
Mr. Donny, of Messrs Denays and Mosson, appeared for defendant.

This claim was brought by four chair coolies, who sued defendant for one month and twenty days' wages at the rate of \$7 a month. Mr. Donny said defendant had paid the sum of \$21 into Court as he admitted that one month's wages had been earned by three of the men. They had been engaged on the 23rd August, and therefore their wages only became due on the 23rd September; and that amount had been paid into Court. With regard to the fourth plaintiff, he was engaged on the 27th September, and left on the 5th October.

His Lordship said it was the usual English custom to pay coolies for the fractional part of a month, and then pay them for one month at the end of the English month. Mr. Donny said he believed the plaintiffs had been engaged on the 23rd of a month, and had been paid on the same date of the succeeding month.

The four plaintiffs were then called separately, and stated in effect that they were all engaged by the defendant on the 15th of the 6th Chinese month (the 17th August), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 7th Chinese month (the 17th September), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 8th Chinese month (the 17th October), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 9th Chinese month (the 17th November), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 10th Chinese month (the 17th December), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 11th Chinese month (the 17th January), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 12th Chinese month (the 17th February), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 13th Chinese month (the 17th March), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 14th Chinese month (the 17th April), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 15th Chinese month (the 17th May), and that they had been paid on the 15th of the 16th Chinese 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